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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

**Virginia War Memorial to Break Ground for the
Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center**

WHAT:

- The Virginia War Memorial will host a ceremonial groundbreaking of the Education Center that will add over 18,000 square feet education, program and administrative space.

WHEN:

- Wednesday, December 17, 2008.
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WHERE:

- Virginia War Memorial
621 S. Belvidere Street
Richmond, Virginia

WHO:

- Governor Timothy Kaine, Mr. J. Stewart Bryan III, Chairman of Media General, and Paul and Phyllis Galanti, the Education Center's namesakes along with numerous General Assembly members.

About the Virginia War Memorial:

The Virginia War Memorial's mission is to *Honor our Veterans, Preserve our History, Educate our Children, and Inspire Patriotism in All*. Dedicated in 1956, the Memorial was designed to honor those Virginians who sacrificed their lives in battle since World War II. The Memorial's Shrine of Memory now honors 11,638 Virginia heroes engraved on its glass and stone walls in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. Soon, those Virginians killed as the result of hostile action in the War on Terrorism will be included. For further information, please visit the War Memorial's web site at www.vawarmemorial.org that provides in-depth information about the Memorial's history and programs as well as access to its schedule of events and past newsletters.

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